

I urge the FCC to deny this request. SBC has repeatedly shown that when it can, it will engage in unfair business practices, which is what this request amounts to. Granting this request will deny me any choice in internet service providers.

In recent years, internet service has become less of a luxury and more of a necessity for many. Removing choice in internet service will amount to extortion as more and more people are required to use internet service to pay their bills, or to register for classes at universities.

With its competitors removed, SBC will have no incentive to keep prices reasonable, no incentive to improve its service.

Granting this request will be a huge step backwards for the industry.